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1. The Chitakhevi GES (hydroelectric station) and the Khashuri GES provide electric power for the city of Tbilisi. High tension wires run along the road from Khashuri to Tbilisi. Source did not observe any voltage signs on the high-tension poles of the Khashuri-Tbilisi power line and is not competent to judge the line's voltage.
2. The Chitakhevi GES was partly built by German PWs, but the remaining construction and upkeep is provided by short-term convicts and hired civilians. The two stations of the Chitakhevi GES together employ a total of about 7,000 persons [REDACTED] Specialists, technicians, and engineers are mostly Russians; common laborers are Armenians, Georgians, and Russians. The convict labor is quartered in barracks which are guarded by the MGB. Laborers are paid 250 rubles per month.
3. Both stations of the Chitakhevi GES are called GES. There are two separate installations, each a GES, performing separate functions. However, each installation is a component part of the GES itself and the two together are known as the Chitakhevi GES. One section has already been put into operation.
4. The canal connecting the two parts of the Chitakhevi GES is part sluice and part tunnel. The tunnel section, approximately 4 km long, runs through the mountainous and hilly terrain. The total distance between the two stations is approximately 6 km.
5. The Chitakhevi GES is not merely a transformer station; it adds power to the lines running from Chitakhevi to Tbilisi.

Attachments: 4 sketches on 3 pages

Comment: The attached sketch maps of the Chitakhevi GES do not agree with each other in detail but are forwarded for whatever they may be worth.

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Attachment 1

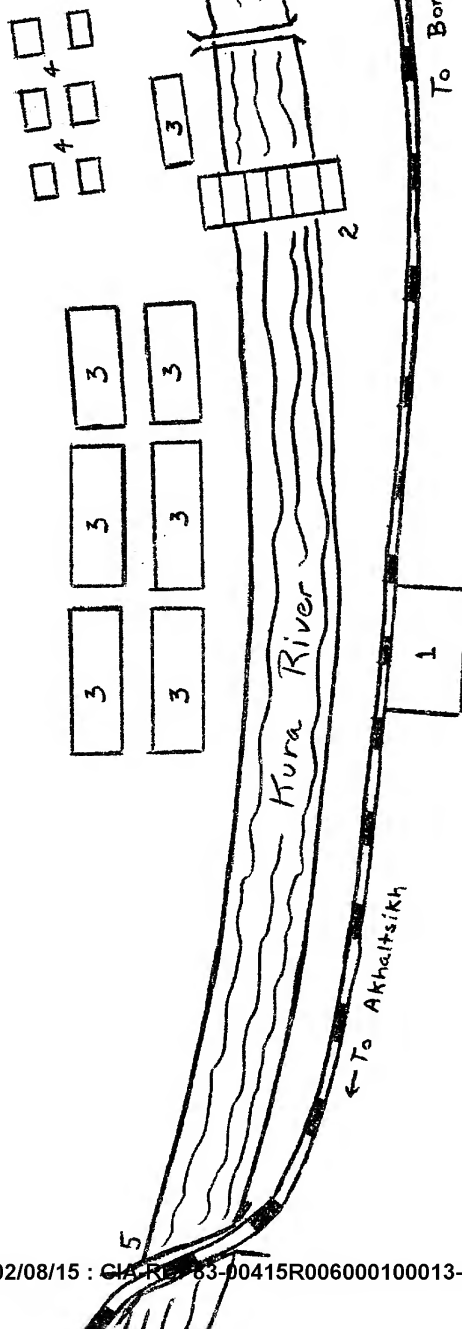
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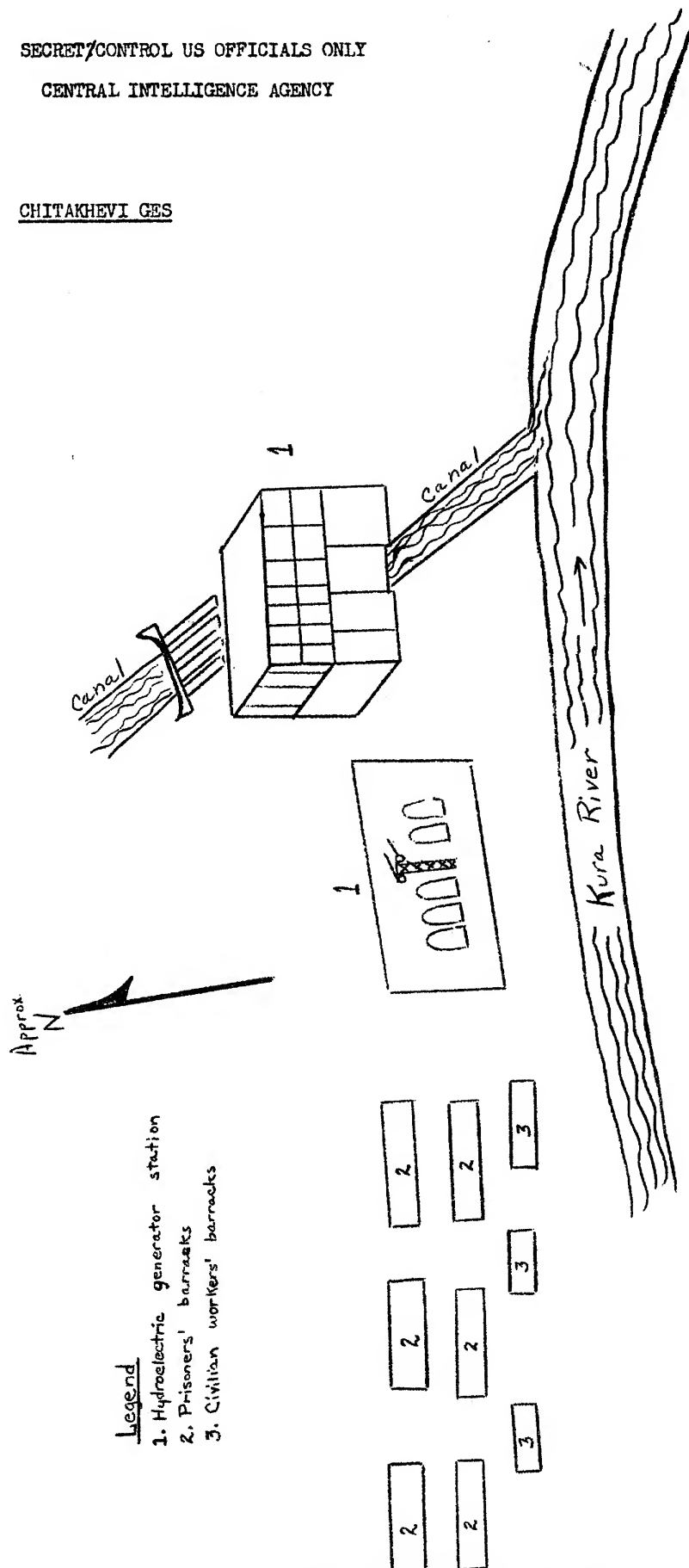
1. Railway station
2. Chitakhevi GES
3. Prisoners' barracks
4. Civilian workers' barracks
5. Steel bridge set on three concrete piles

Canal to generating station, located approx. 6 km away, toward Borzhomi



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Attachment 3

CHITAKHEVI GES

1. Prisoners' barracks
2. Area occupied by generating station — transformers + steel posts
3. Objects resembling large drums or barrels
4. Generating station. Water is conveyed here through an underground tunnel + distributed through large steel pipes which lead directly to the generating station itself.
5. Tunnel approx. 4 km long; total length of tunnel + sluice approx. 6 km. to generating station
6. Sluice gates
7. Prisoners' barracks surrounded by high barbed wire fence
8. Wooden suspension bridge
9. GES
10. Railway station

